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## LOVELL DREAMING BIG WITH JUST MIGHT IN BREEDERS' CUP TURF SPRINT

**LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2020)** – Locally based trainer **Michelle Lovell** and her longtime owner **Dr. Robert Griffon** will attempt Breeders' Cup glory for the first time when 4-year-old gelding **Just Might** tests the waters of the \$1 million Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint (Grade I).

"We thought about this choice for a long time whether to pre enter or not," Lovell said. "He ran two solid third-place finishes in his last two starts and I think deserves a chance at a race of this caliber."

Just Might, who was bred by Lovell and Griffon, had a breakthrough 20-1 victory in the \$100,000 Colonel Power Stakes at Fair Grounds. After the win, the COVID-19 pandemic struck and racing halted until the spring. Like many trainers, Lovell and her small string of horses were affected by the temporary racing shutdown. She moved her horses in early March to Ashwood Farm outside of Lexington and made the daily 70-mile drive from her house in Louisville.

When racing resumed, the speedy Just Might returned to stakes company in the \$150,000 Shakertown (GII) but experienced trouble throughout his journey and finished ninth. Two months later, Just Might nearly pulled another shocking upset in the \$250,000 Twin Spires Turf Sprint (GII) after he took the lead at the top of the stretch. He finished third, beaten 1 ¼ lengths to **Diamond Oops** and **Extravagant Kid**.

"**Colby (Hernandez)** rode him great in his last two starts," Lovell said. "He is such a good rider and deserves this opportunity in the Breeders' Cup."

Lovell has trained for Griffon's **Griffon Farms** since the 1990s in Texas. The duo raced Just Might's dam, **Dynamite Babe**, to nine victories through 21 starts. Just Might's 3-year-old full sister **Dynamite Gift** recently returned from the sidelines and is preparing for her fifth-career start.

"Dr. Griffon is such a lovely human," Lovell said. "He's like family to me and I've been training for him for most of my career. The dam of this horse was his horse and we ended up breaking her and racing her. When it time to make her a broodmare he let me become a partner. It's super special to have a horse like this – and such a great storyline being a homebred."

The pre entry announcement for all 14 Breeders' Cup races took place Wednesday from Keeneland.

**MORE THAN 30 LOCAL BREEDERS' CUP CONTENDERS SET TO CONVERGE ON KEENELAND** – There are more than 30 locally-based Breeders' Cup contenders that will attempt season-ending glory in the Nov. 6-7 World Championships at Keeneland Racecourse.

Many of the horses will have their final workouts in the next three days. Below is the full list of horses based at Churchill Downs who are likely to compete in the Breeders' Cup and their next workout:

Horse	Trainer	Next Workout	Breeders' Cup Race
Abarta	Brad Cox	Friday	Juvenile Turf
Arklow	Brad Cox	Saturday	Turf
Art Collector	Tommy Drury	Friday	Dirt Mile
Aunt Pearl	Brad Cox	Friday	Juvenile Fillies Turf
Beau Recall	Brad Cox	Saturday	Mile
Bell's the One	Neil Pessin	Saturday	Filly & Mare Sprint
By My Standards	Bret Calhoun	Saturday	Classic
Casa Creed	Bill Mott	Saturday	Mile
Crazy Beautiful	Kenny McPeck	Saturday	Juvenile Fillies
Essential Quality	Brad Cox	Friday	Juvenile
Factor This	Brad Cox	Saturday	Mile
Girl Daddy	Dale Romans	Friday	Juvenile Fillies

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Global Campaign	Stan Hough	Saturday	Classic
Got Stormy	Mark Casse	Friday	Turf Sprint
Hog Creek Hustle	Vickie Foley	TBD	Sprint/Dirt Mile
Just Might	Michelle Lovell	Sunday	Turf Sprint
Knicks Go	Brad Cox	Saturday	Dirt Mile
Monomoy Girl	Brad Cox	Saturday	Distaff
Mr Money	Bret Calhoun	Friday	Dirt Mile
Pirate's Punch	Grant Forster	Friday	Dirt Mile
Sally's Curlin	Dale Romans	Saturday	Filly & Mare Sprint
Sconsin	Greg Foley	TBD	Filly & Mare Sprint
Silver Dust	Bret Calhoun	Friday	Dirt Mile
Simply Ravishing	Kenny McPeck	Saturday	Juvenile Fillies
Sittin On Go	Dale Romans	Friday	Juvenile
Smiley Sobotka	Dale Romans	Friday	Juvenile
Spanish Loveaffair	Mark Casse	Friday	Juvenile Fillies Turf
Swiss Skydiver	Kenny McPeck	Saturday	Distaff/Classic
Tom's d'Etat	Al Stall Jr.	Saturday	Classic
War of Will	Mark Casse	Friday	Dirt Mile
Whitmore	Ron Moquett	Sunday	Sprint

**TV SCHEDULE** – Racing at Churchill Downs continued Wednesday – Sunday with daily first post at 1 p.m. Below is the TV schedule on the Fox Sports family of networks:

Wednesday: FS2 (12:30-6 p.m.) | MSG+ (1-6 p.m.)  
 Thursday: FS2 (12:30-6 p.m.) | MSG+ (12:30-6 p.m.)  
 Friday: FS2 (12:30-6 p.m.) | MSG+ (12:30-6 p.m.)  
 Saturday: FS2 (12-6 p.m.) | MSG+ (12-6 p.m.)  
 Sunday: FS2 (12-6 p.m.) | MSG+ (12:30-6 p.m.)

**DOWN THE STRETCH** – There was a \$41,919 carryover in the 20-cent Single 6 Jackpot on Wednesday's 10-race program. First post was 1 p.m. and the Single 6 spanned Races 5-10. In the finale, there was a \$2,991 carryover in the Super Hi-5. For more information and to purchase tickets for the Fall Meet, visit [www.churchilldowns.com](http://www.churchilldowns.com)

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